GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ORIENTATION PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Haj Committee in association with the Consulate General of India, Jeddah, organised two orientation programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of participants therein, location-wise;

(c) whether in some States these programmes were not organised;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government propose to issue guidelines to State Haj Committees for continuance of such programmes; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

a) Yes, Sir.

b) The Orientation Programmes for Training of Trainers were organised at Mumbai on 11-13 September, 2000, for Southern States and at Delhi on 18-20 September, 2000, for the Northern States. The number of participants location-wise is as under:-

Mumbai		Delhi	
Maharashtra	37	Haryana	1
Goa	2	Assam	6
Orissa	30	Orissa	1
Andhra Pradesh	12	Uttar Pradesh	37
Tamil Nadu	14	Bihar	6
Kerala	14	West Bengal	7
Lakshadweep	1	Jammu & Kashmir	16
Karnataka	21	Himachal Pradesh	1
Madhya Pradesh	31	Delhi	7
Rajasthan	17		

Total : 261

b) Yes, Sir.

d) The Trainers, in turn, imparted orientation and training to Haj pilgrims throughout India at district level. However, where the number of pilgrims from a particular district was less than 150 they were joined with the pilgrims of the adjoining districts.

e) & f) The Central Haj Committee will continue to issue necessary guidelines, as in the past, to the State Haj Committees for continuation of the programmes, which are now being organized on an ongoing basis every year.